piled and placed on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Investment by multinational companies in India

306. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy regarding the investment by multinational companies in India;

(b) whether Government propose to issue a list of such industries in which the multinational companies will not be permitted/allowed to invest; and

(c) if so, by when the list is likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) A statement is attached

Statement

(a) Government's foreign investment policy is selective and is designed to channelise such investments into areas which require sophisticated technology, or where critical production gaps exist or which would help increase the country's export potential. While Govt's basic policy is aimed at reducing unnecessary dependence on external resources, it is recognised by Govt. that it is equally necessary to update production technology continuously to keep pace with rapid technological advances taking place in developed countries. The import of technology is, therefore, selective and is ordinarily permitted in high technology areas, in export-oriented or import substitution manufacture, or for enabling indigenous industry to upgrade its existing technology to attain efficiency and competitive strength.

(b) and (c) No such proposal is under consideration of Govt. at present. However, there is already an illustrative list of industries where no foreign collaboration, financial or technical, is normally considered necessary. Requests for collaboration in these industries are generally not allowed unless these are justified with reference to the technology involved, availability of indigenous technology, potential for export earnings and the like.

Implementation of 20-Point Programme by various States

307. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the performance of various States regarding the implementation of 20-Point Programme so far; and

(b) what are the details for the years 1989, 1990 and upto March, 1991 State-wise asd year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The performance of States in the implementation of 28 selected items for which quantification of achievement is possible is monitored on a monthly basis. A statement showing the details of the performance by the States for the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 is attached.

[*See* Appendix 159, Annexure No. 13]

Gas cracker project in Assam

308. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Front Government had issued Memorandum of Understanding to the gas cracker project in Assam long back;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for inordinate delay in the implementation of this project; and

(c) by when this project is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) A letter of intent for the Gas Cracker Complex has been issued in favour of Assam State Industrial Development Corporation in January, 1991.

(b) Assam State Industrial Development Corporation will prepare a detailed feasibility report and may also decide about possible collaborator for implementing the project.

(c) Commencement of the project depends on a number of factors e.g. preparation of feasibility report, selection of collaborator, tying up financial resources and technical know-how etc. by the implementing agency

Proposal to set up T.V. Stations in Tamil Nadu

309. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up T. V. stations in different regions of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the coverage power of each such station;

(c) whether there is any proposal to locate at least one powerful transmitter in each region of the State; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUM. GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Schemes for the establishment of additional studio facilities for second channel TV service at Madras and a high power TV transmitter with a service range of approx. 140 Kms. (inclusive of fringe areas) at Rameshwaram are under implementation in Tamil Nadu. In addition, it has been decided to set up a new low power TV transmitter with a service range of approx. 20 Kms. at Nagapattinam in Thanjavur district.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal under the consideration of Government at present. Any further expansion of TV service in the State depends upon the availability of adequate financial resources for the purpose.

Pepsi Foods Project

310. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pepsi Foods Project has failed to fulfil all its major commitment to the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Limited has set up plants for potato/grain processing and soft drink concentrate plant at Channo, District Sangrur and fruit & vegetable processing plant at Zahura, Hoshiarpur in Punjab. The above three plants under the project were commissioned during February, 1990, April, 1990 and June, 1990 respectively.